

**VIBRANT MINDS CHARTER SCHOOL
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, November 13, 2024, 6:00 p.m.**

1. OPEN SESSION

Procedural: 1.1 Call to Order 6:24 p.m.

Procedural: 1.2 Establishment of Quorum

Roll Call	Present	Absent
Anderson	X	
Bonenberger	X	
Farukhi		X
Nelson		X
Rhee	X	

Procedural: 1.3 Pledge of Allegiance

Action: 1.4 Approval of the Agenda

Recommended Action: This agenda has been posted within the 72 hours required by the Brown Act for a Regular Board Meeting.

Motion: Bonenberger		Second: Rhee	
Roll Call	Aye	Nay	
Anderson	X		
Bonenberger	X		
Farukhi	Absent		
Nelson	Absent		
Rhee	X		
Item Passes – Vote: 3/3			
Item Does Not Pass – Vote:			

Procedural: 1.5 Public Comment

None

2. PARENT REPORTS

Reports: 2.1 School Site Council (SSC) Report by Parent/Staff Representative

Yvette LaValle reported on behalf of the SSC. The last SSC Meeting occurred on November 7, 2024. The Comprehensive School Safety Plan was presented to solicit feedback. Feedback was also requested from the Anaheim Fire Marshall and Anaheim Police Department. The Mayor of Anaheim was also invited to attend the November Board Meeting for the Public Hearing. Acceptance of the Comprehensive School Safety Plan will be requested by the Board at the next Board Meeting in December. There was also a discussion of the need for a Parent Volunteer Protocol Form to expectations are known, including how to be in alignment when it comes to scholars' behavior.

Reports: 2.2 English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC) Report by Parent/Staff Representative

Nguyen reported on behalf of the ELAC. The next meeting is scheduled for November 20, 2024, so there is no information to report.

Reports: 2.3 Family and Staff Team (F.A.S.T.) Report by Parent/Staff Representative

Yvette LaValle reported on behalf of F.A.S.T. A meeting was held today. The final report for Cow Chip Bingo was presented. \$19,000 was collected, and the expense was \$4,500. So, the fundraiser cleared \$14,500 from this one event. This provides support for the overnight field trips for Grades 4 and 6, as well as a variety of enrichment activities. At this time, Lunch with a Loved One is cancelled until road construction has been completed.

3. CONSENT (ONE VOTE)

Action (Consent): 3.1 Wednesday, October 23, 2024, 5:30 p.m. Special Board Meeting Minutes

Recommended Action: Consent section items are for routine matters that do not require discussion or deliberation by the Board. The consent calendar permits the Board to approve multiple items by one action. All Board members have the right to remove a consent item from the consent calendar so that normal discussion and deliberation may take place.

Motion: Anderson		Second: Bonenberger
Roll Call	Aye	Nay
Anderson	X	
Bonenberger	X	
Farukhi	Absent	
Nelson	Absent	
Rhee	X	
Item Passes – Vote: 3/3		
Item Does Not Pass – Vote:		

4. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT -- DEBRA J. SCHROEDER

Information: 4.1 California Community Schools Partnership Program (CCSPP) Planning Grant Update

LaValle discussed the surveys that were administered to the Grade 3-6 scholars and parents. For the scholars, their focus was on the playground and meal program. For the parents, it has just gone out. But, there are opportunities for parents to share what types of life skills beyond academics they would like their scholars to master. There is also the possibility of getting a grant to develop a Wellness Center on the new campus where the counselor could be placed in a larger room that would be set up for individual and small group sessions, deescalation, etc.

Information: 4.2 Temporary Site Options for 2025-2026

Contact has been made with Dave Wilk regarding the possibility of extending the lease on our current site. At this time, his preference is to sell the building when our lease ends June 30, 2025. We have reached out to Edgar Morgado of St. Anthony Claret. There has been limited discussion with delays between connections. We are also pursuing Proposition 39 classroom use from the Anaheim Elementary School District. Although it is something that is supported in accordance to the law, we would like to avoid this if possible.

Discussion, Information: 4.3 Staff Parking Update for New Site

Both Anaheim First Christian Church and Zion have been open to leasing VMCS 50 parking spaces. However, both of these location would require us to purchase and maintain a vehicle, hire a driver, acquire additional liability insurance, etc., which are added expenses. Additionally, it is hard on the staff to depend upon a shuttle. There is a renewed dialogue with KF Properties, which could result in us leasing spaces from the Bank of America Tower Parking Structure. This would be ideal, and we will continue to puruse this.

5. ASSISTANT DIRECTOR REPORT -- CHAMMARRA NGUYEN

Information: 5.1 Current Enrollment

- TK -- 24
- K -- 30
- 1st -- 32
- 2nd -- 32
- 3rd -- 32
- 4th -- 32
- 5th -- 32
- 6th -- 32

Information: 5.2 Current Waiting List

- Pre TK -- 56
- TK -- 13
- K -- 5
- 1st -- 31
- 2nd -- 56
- 3rd -- 23
- 4th -- 41
- 5th -- 94
- 6th -- 22

Discussion: 5.3 Board Policy for Supporting Toileting Needs of Scholars

Nguyen provided an explanation for why we are dealing with more toileting needs from our scholars. It is a combination with the younger ages of our scholars in Transitional Kindergarten, as well as Special Education needs. A proposed Board Policy was shared, which has been vetted by YM&C. It provides a protocol to be followed, which will be helpful to scholars in need, as well as staff providing support to the scholars.

Information: 5.4 Data from 2023-2024 SBAC Assessments

Although the California Dashboard has not come out based on 2023-2024 SBAC and other forms of data, the percentages of Grade 3-6 scholars who fall into the categories of Standard Exceeded (Level 4), Standard Met (Level 3), Standard Nearly Met (Level 2), and Standard Not Met (Level 1) are available. Nguyen provided some comparative data, and VMCS did well relative to local traditional public schools, charter schools, and the State of California. There is much to celebrate.

6. ICON SCHOOL MANAGEMENT REPORT -- ROY KIM

Reports: 6.1 September 2024 Financials

Kim provided a PowerPoint Presentation regarding the September financials. Mention was made that most charter schools set their attendance expectation at 95%, while 93% tends to be the actual level. Also, we have 3.2 million in conservative investments and a cash reserve of 328 days.

Information: 6.2 Additional Fiscal Updates and Reports

California has 5.3% unemployment. Our State Income Tax is the highest in the Nation. There are many factors that contribute to economic concerns in California. With the timing of some funding streams, they are paid incrementally throughout the year rather than in their entirety at the beginning of the year.

7. ACTION ITEMS

Action: 7.1 Ratification of Proposition 39 Application with Anaheim Elementary School District

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the VMCS Board of Directors ratifies the submission of the Proposition 39 Application, which was completed by the due date of November 1, 2024.

RATIONALE: Having access to classrooms provided by AESD may be necessary if we can no longer remain at our current site and the modernization of our new site takes longer than expected.

Motion: Bonenberger		Second: Anderson	
Roll Call	Aye	Nay	
Anderson	X		
Bonenberger	X		
Farukhi	Absent		
Nelson	Absent		
Rhee	X		
Item Passes – Vote: 3/3			
Item Does Not Pass – Vote:			

Action: 7.2 Approval of Generic Parking Agreement

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the VMCS Board of Directors approves the generic Parking Agreement, which will be completed with one of the discussed organizations.

RATIONALE: In order to complete the Lot Line Adjustment process and close escrow, we must have the staff parking in place. Having a generic Parking Agreement Form that can be modified as needed when an entity has been selected will expedite the process.

Motion: Bonenberger		Second: Rhee	
Roll Call	Aye	Nay	
Anderson	X		
Bonenberger	X		
Farukhi	Absent		
Nelson	Absent		
Rhee	X		
Item Passes – Vote: 3/3			
Item Does Not Pass – Vote:			

Action: 7.3 Approval of Board Policy on Supporting Toileting Needs of Scholars

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the VMCS Board of Directors approves the Board Policy regarding the school's support of the toileting needs of scholars.

RATIONALE: As scholars enter school at a younger age, as well as the increase in scholars with special needs, it is important to have specific procedures in place for supporting the toileting needs of scholars, as well as a communication process with parents.

Motion: Rhee		Second: Bonenberger	
Roll Call	Aye	Nay	

Anderson	X	
Bonenberger	X	
Farukhi	Absent	
Nelson	Absent	
Rhee	X	
Item Passes – Vote:3/3		
Item Does Not Pass – Vote:		

8. BOARD COMMENTS

Procedural: 8.1 General Comments

There was mention of California AB 506. We will look into this legislation and determine what impact it has on our practices.

There was a question about the ability for Board Members to attend the same social event. Under the Brown Act, this is permissible. What needs to be avoided are topics under study associated with the school.

Information: 8.2 Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, December 11, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. This meeting will be in-person.

9. BOARD ADJOURNMENT

Procedural: 9.1 Board Adjournment: 7:34 p.m.

Motion: Bonenberger		Second: Rhee
Roll Call	Aye	Nay
Anderson	X	
Bonenberger	X	
Farukhi	Absent	
Nelson	Absent	
Rhee	X	
Item Passes – Vote:3/3		
Item Does Not Pass – Vote:		